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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We will have two special Christmas Concerts the second week in December. The first will be a matinee performance at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8th followed by an evening performance on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. The gym will be very full. If you are able to make the Wednesday performance, please do so as the Thursday evening concert could be over-flowing. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. Thanks.

Thank you to everyone that attended the last BINGO evening. It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone that helped out with the evening as well. The next Movie Night will be January 25th.

EARLY LEARNING



School District #67 has a link on the District Web Site (<http://www.sd67.bc.ca>) for Early Learning information. Dates and items regarding 'StrongStart', 'Ready Set Learn', 'P.A.L.S.' and other programs can be found here. Check it out.

NO SMOKING POLICY



In British Columbia, it is the law that smoking and any other tobacco use on school property (including holding lit cigarettes) is prohibited. Please set a good example for our students. We are all role models.



The Spirit of Giving

Gingerbread House

In order to give our children the opportunity to help others and to teach the spirit of giving, Mrs. Silvius will once again be unveiling a gingerbread creation at our December assembly. The creation will be raffled off, with the proceeds going to help Penticton families in need at

Christmastime. Tickets will be 25 cents apiece, or 5/\$1.00 and will be available in the office foyer at recess and lunch beginning on Tuesday, December 7th. The lucky winner will be drawn at our Christmas sing-a-long on December 17th.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

It's hard to believe we are into December, but I guess you just have to step outside to realize that winter is upon us. Even though the thermometer has definitely dropped, we hope to keep the enthusiasm up for outdoor play during recess & lunch (except of course during extreme conditions of -12 to -15 below). We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed in warm clothing including a winter jacket, a hat, mitts, boots and snow pants (when there's snow on the ground).



LOST AND FOUND



Please take the time to stop in or have your child look in our lost and found box before the Christmas break. There are several hoodies, jackets and other clothing of importance that your child thinks may be lost but are in the box. All items will be packed up and taken away in the last week of December. Our lost and found trolley bin is located down the north hallway.

LIBRARY



We appreciate the support of the parents and students of Parkway School at our recent Book Fair. Thank you to parents, Mrs. Koster and Mrs. Castle, as well as Library Monitors Tyandrea, Madison, Thomas, Trenton, Amreet, Arianna, Chris and Selena from Mrs. Raitt's Grade 5 class. With your support, we were able to surpass our goal of \$1,800. The Scholastic Book Fair returns will bring in \$1,200 in new book titles for our library!

The Book Fair "Build-A-Potato" prize winners were Dylan, Ethan and Raelene. Each received a \$10 Scholastic certificate. Other prize winners included Rebecca, Tyson, Vanessa, Marlo, Autumn and Joshua.

We look forward to our next Book Fair in March 2011.

HOME SICK? GOING AWAY? LATE?



Parents: Please be sure to call the Safe Arrival number (250-492-3976) or the school office (250-770-7686) and let us know. The answering machine is on... and we have volunteer parents cross-checking attendance with call-ins to ensure that everyone arrives safely. Our sincerest thanks go out to them!

Students: Please check-in at the office when you do arrive (even if we've had a call).



FRENCH IMMERSION
Registration for 2011/2012
INFORMATION MEETINGS

For Parents of current Grade 5 students:

Information sessions for parents of Grade 5 students regarding registration for September 2011 Grade 6 Late French Immersion classes will be held as follows:

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., KVR Middle School

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., Summerland Middle School

A letter outlining the program and application process together with an application form will be available at the meetings. Application forms will be available January 17th at all elementary school offices, the Okanagan Skaha School District No. 67 Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton) or on the district website at www.sd67.bc.ca

**Deadline for applications is 4:00 pm Friday,
February 4th, 2011.**

The program is available to all students residing in the Okanagan Skaha School District entering grade six in September of 2011. Students outside the district are permitted to enroll on a space-available basis (ie. after Okanagan Skaha School District students have been accommodated).

Please note: these will be the only information meetings scheduled regarding French Immersion.

NATIONAL LITERACY DAY IS JANUARY 29th, 2011

Join us at our celebration of Family Literacy at Cherry Lane shopping centre on January 29th, from 10am to 6pm. The center stage will be hosting events and activities all day, and there will be display tables with activities for children and adults, throughout the centre. For example, Communities for Kids will have a display to distribute resource information and raise awareness of



the importance of early literacy and there will be Mother Goose activities, Raise a Reader open mike, and a Book Crossing. We hope to see you there.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Our next PAC meeting will be held Monday night, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We are looking for a great turn-out for this last meeting of 2010. Once again child minding will be available.

Parent Advisory Council Executive:

President	Lindsay Christian
Vice President	Dirk Goedhart
Treasurer	Angie Wilson
Secretary	Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk

BELL SCHEDULE

8:38 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:43 a.m.	Morning Classes Begin
10:20 a.m.	Recess
12:05 p.m.	Lunch
12:50 p.m.	Afternoon Classes Begin
2:30 p.m.	Dismissal



FIRE CHIEF FOR THE DAY



Saul Gould was the winner of the Fire Prevention Week contest. He had a great time at the *Fire Chief for the Day* party on October 28th. Here's Saul with Chief Williams and Sparky.

start in February here at Parkway. The afternoons from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the



WRITE OUT LOUD

Free Writing Out Loud Workshops will first session will be held on Tuesday Home Learners' Program annex,

February 8th - March 15th. These sessions are for all adult writers, including beginners. Come out to any or all of the sessions. You may register at the school office. Journals and pens will be provided.

HOUSE TEAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The School Spirit Day Committee organized a Pajama Day on November 19th. All students earned house team points for wearing their PJ's.

House Team Totals:

Red:	Blue:	Yellow:	Green:
8135	7715	7890	7615

HOT LUNCH



There will be no hot lunches on Fridays during the month of December. Hot lunches will resume in January. PAC has sent home a survey asking for your input regarding lunch choices. Please return this form to the school by Friday, December 3rd. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB



The Parkway Breakfast Club has been a huge success. Thank you to Lindsay and her volunteers and to Starbucks for their sponsorship. The Club will be expanding in December to include Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We hope to see more children out in the morning.

CHOIR



Please check the calendar for the Choir's busy schedule in December. We love to have lots of supporters out for their performances. Great work Mrs. Zaugg!

PARKING LOT

Just a reminder to be very slow and careful when driving through the school's parking lot now that the ice and snow have arrived. Please remind your children that the parking lot is out of bounds at recess and lunch time and that they need to be very careful before and after school when walking to your vehicle. Let's keep our children safe!



LEADERSHIP DAY

The Grade 5 students in Mrs. Raitt's and Mrs. Tunnell's classes are fortunate to have the amazing experience of working with Mrs. Mitchell's student leadership team from Princess Margaret Secondary School. The Gr. 9-12 group is leading our students through a series of cooperative games which focus on teamwork and positive interactions. This has also established positive relationships



between both groups of students and our Gr. 5's are enjoying working with teenagers who are positive role models.



PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DECEMBER, 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1 Breakfast Club - 8:00	2		3
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5	6 Breakfast Club - 8:00 <i>Choir – Cherry Lane</i> 11:30-12:15 pm <i>Choir – Concorde</i> 1:30-2:00 pm Assembly – 1:00 pm PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	7 ♫ Choir @ lunch ♫ <i>Choir – Athens</i> <i>Creek Retirement</i> <i>Home 2:50-3:15 pm</i>	8 Breakfast Club - 8:00 Christmas Concert 1:15 pm	9 Christmas Concert 6:00 pm	10 <i>Choir – Canadian Tire</i> <i>Gas Station 3:30- 4:00 pm</i>	11
12	13 Breakfast Club - 8:00	14 ♫ Choir @ lunch ♫	15 Breakfast Club - 8:00	16	17 School Spirit Day – Christmas Dress-up ♫ <i>Christmas Sing-a-long</i> 10:35 a.m. Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Winter Vacation					25
	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff at Parkway School					

School Starts back on Tuesday, January 4th, 2011





After you have read the newsletter, please complete the portion below. Then return it to the school with your child(ren) and they will have their name(s) put into a draw at the end of the month!

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email Address – please supply your address only if you are not already receiving school emails: _____

	Classroom	House Team
Student Name: _____	_____	_____
Student Name: _____	_____	_____
Student Name: _____	_____	_____

If you have any comments, questions, compliments or concerns about Parkway School, please write them below. We are always looking for input.

Kelly Jones, Principal

Yes, I would like you to get back to me. Phone # _____

